

REMARKS

Claims 1-3 and 6-7 are now pending in this application for which applicants seek reconsideration.

Claims 8-11 were indicated to allowable if they are placed in independent form. In this respect, independent claims 1 and 2 have been amended to incorporate claims 8 and 10, respectively, and claims 8-11 have been canceled to place the application in condition for allowance. That is, claims 1 and 2 correspond to allowable claim 8 and 10 placed in independent form.

The rejection of claims 1-3, 6, and 7 based on Akio (USP 6,111,962) and Yoshino (USP 7,054,448) have been rendered moot.

Applicants submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Should the examiner have any issues concerning this reply or any other outstanding issues remaining in this application, applicants urge the examiner to contact the undersigned to expedite prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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